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Reference Item V

- 1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: DATABASE WPI Section PQ, Week 199927 Derwent Publications, Ltd.,
London, GB; Class Q12, AN 1999-322862 XP002255210 -& JP 115812 A
(NISSAN MOTOR CO, LTD) April 27, 1999 (1999-04-27)

- 2 The document D1 is viewed as being the closest state of the art technology to the object of Claim 1. It shows (the references in parentheses refer to this document) that the: motor vehicle body has a bracing structure (17) to support a component (4) of a front part [of the vehicle] (Fig. 1) on a crossbeam (13) running below the windshield, wherein the bracing structure (17) includes a reinforcement, which supports a shock absorbing leg dome (4) of the front part structure (10) on the cross beam (13) and wherein the reinforcement of the bracing structure (17) has at least one mounting point for a windshield wiper drive of the windshield washer installation (implicit from the WPI abstract in the paragraph "ADVANTAGE").

The object of the Claim 1 is, therefore, distinct from the known auto body types in that the windshield washer drive is arranged on the underside of the brace and the reinforcement of a drive shaft of the windshield washer drive is studded.

Thus the object of the Claim 1 is a novelty (Article 33(2) PCT).

- 3 Thus, the task to be solved by the hereby submitted invention can be seen in that it allows for more installation space above the bracing structure.

The application submitted in the Claim 1 with the proposed solution to this task is based on inventive efforts (under provisions of Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons:

The professional expert would fasten the windshield washer at another bracing structure location in order to obtain more space.

- 4 The Claims 2 – 7 are dependent on the Claim 1 and thus also meet the PCT requirements with respect to novelty and inventive effort.

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